

Eng and - Road - 500 - 1642

A Propofal for Enlightning the Streets
in *LONDON* and *WESTMINSTER*,
According to a *BILL* prepar'd for that Purpose,
bill read 12 Nov 1642
Humbly Submitted to the Confideration of the Lords Spiritual and
Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Affembled.

- I. **L** *Anthorns* to be made all of one Size, with *Lamps* therein, fed with *Oyl* of *Engliſh* Growth and Manufacture, according to a Model, of which ſeveral are prepar'd, and made uſe of in the Pallaces-Royal of *White-Hall*, *Wwindſor*, *Somerſet-houſe*, and other places.
- II. Theſe to be plac'd all of a height in a Range about 80 Foot diſtance, on both ſides the way in broad Streets; and narrow Streets, one Range.
- III. The firſt Price of Each *Lanthorn*, (with *Lamp*, and fixing) will be about 20 *s.* which pay'd by the Inhabitants, will come to about 5 *s.* a Houſe in Broad Streets, and not above half in Narrow ones.
- IV. The conſtant Charge to the Inhabitants, will be 2 *d.* a Night for each Light, which will not amount to above a *Half-peny* per Night for any one Houſe.
- V. The *Lamps* to be Lighted from the Third Day after the firſt *Full Moon* in *September*, to the 8th. Day after the Firſt *New Moon* in *April*; and to continue to Burn from the Cloſe of the Evening, until Break of Day, excepting Moon-light Nights.
- VI. The Inhabitants to pay as well for *Moon-light Nights* as others, in regard of the continuance of *Fillers*, *Cleanſers* and *Lighters* Wages, and half the Repairs of the *Lanthorns*; The other half to be paid by the Inhabitants.
- VII. The Direction for placing the *Lanthorns*, (deciding all Controverſies which may ariſe between the Inhabitants and Managers,) to be by Commiſſioners, as in the ſaid *Bill* expreſs'd; And the Profits ariſing (after the whole Number of *Lanthorns* ſhall be fix'd, and Charges Deducted,) to be divided into Two equal parts; of which, one to *Anthony Vernatty* Gent. in Conſideration of his Invention, great Expences, a Patent from His late Maſtey, and his Over-ſeeing the due Performance: The other, towards Payment of the City *Orphans*, or Maintenance of *Chelſey Colledge*.
- VIII. This will Conduce to the Security of the *Government*, in Preventing *Tumults*, *Infurrections*, *Murders*, *Robberies*, and the Miſchiefs which may happen by *Fire*; As alſo by *Rubbish* in the Streets, and open *Cellers*, by which, many have broke their Limbs, and ſome loſt their Lives: And is agreeable to what is Practic'd in the Neighbouring Nations.
- IX. This will add to the Beauty and Glory of this City, Convenience of Paſſengers, and Safety of Traders, (to which end ſeveral late *Acts* have been Deſign'd, but as yet to no Effect;) And will alſo Improve the Conſumption of our Native Growth and Manufacture; And (without increaſing the Charge,) Supply the Defects of the former Method of *Hanging out Lights*.